



## BRIDGE OF HISTORY

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### NEWS RELEASE

The International Bridge Administration today announced that one-way traffic crossings of the International Bridge at Sault Ste. Marie totaled 152,870 for the month of April, 2006. This represents an increase of 4.36% as compared to April, 2005.

Traffic statistics for the month are as follows:

<i>Vehicle Classification</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings</i>	<i>Change from April, 2005</i>	<i>Percent of Total Crossings</i>
<i>Full-Fare Passenger Cars:</i>	60,079	0.4%	39.3%
<i>Commuter Fare:</i>	80,698	9.4%	52.8%
<i>Car Pulling Trailers</i>	1,826	6.4%	1.2%
<i>Commercial Trucks:</i>	10,267	-7.9%	6.7%
<i>Totals:</i>	152,870		100%

Traffic for calendar year 2006 has totaled 563,166 vehicles; this represents an increase of .2% as compared to 2005. Since the bridge opened in 1962, over 79.4 million vehicles have crossed the structure.

Manager's note:

The IBA staff is looking forward to the completion of the paving of the additional four lanes at the U.S. Customs Plaza later this month. We understand the lanes may be operational for peak traffic times for the May Holiday weekends. We further understand the project will be complete in June at which time the additional inspection lanes will be used on a more routine basis. The staff at the IBA wish to thank our customers for their patience and understanding during the construction project. We look forward to the improved convenience the added lanes will provide as we serve you in the future.

Sincerely,

*International Bridge Administration*

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